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**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development** 

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)** 

**Grant Recipient: Presbyterian Hospitality House** Federal Tax ID: 92-0022770

Project Title: Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

# Presbyterian Hospitality House - Clear and Develop Site Plan for a Family Training Center and Administrative Office

State Funding Requested: \$100,000 House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)

Future Funding May Be Requested

### **Brief Project Description:**

This proposal will permit Presbyterian Hospitality House (PHH) to clear a building site and begin planning for a Family Training Center and Administrative Office.

#### **Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost: \$6,000,000
Funding Already Secured: (\$500,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request: (\$100,000)
Project Deficit: \$5,400,000

Funding Details:

PHH has funded the \$500,000 today, through grants and individual donations.

#### **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Historically, PHH has leased office space for family training and counseling for families and foster families, therapeutic individual and group counseling for children and adolescents, as well as office space for their financial and administrative staff. During the last three years, PHH clientele has doubled in size and the number of staff has increased to meet the needs of 110 youth. Currently, most offices have two to five people occupying a space that was designed for one. Parking outside the building is limited and the heating system frequently fails. PHH has outgrown its current location.

Most of the 110 youth served by PHH are labeled as severely emotionally disturbed, abandoned, homeless, physically and/or sexually abused and many experience fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. PHH is one of the few non-profit agencies in the Interior that counsels these children.

The Board of Directors of PHH has purchased property located across the Chena River from the Morris Thompson Cultural Center. The property is zoned for commercial use and will be large enough to accommodate all of PHH's needs in one building.

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#### **Project Timeline:**

This request will cover site preparation and initial design work that will be the beginning of a three year building project.

Additional funding is being worked on through the Rasmussen Foundation and private/public donnations.

Hopefully no further state funds will be need to be requested.

#### **Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Presbyterian Hospitality House

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? | Yes X No

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## Fiscal Year 2014 Legislative Proposal

Presbyterian Hospitality House

Request for Funding to Clear Site and Develop a Site Plan

This proposal will permit Presbyterian Hospitality House (PHH) to clear a building site and begin planning for a Family Training Center and Administrative Office.

Rationale: PHH has historically leased office space for family training and counseling for families and foster families, Therapeutic individual and group counseling for children and adolescents, as well as office space for our financial and administrative staff. During the last three years we have doubled in size. This dramatic growth has resulted in many needs. As the number of staff increased to meet the needs of our 110 youth, PHH had to acquire additional space to house our Parenting with Love and Limits program. Currently, most of our offices have two to five persons occupying a space designed for one. Some members of the staff have no actual office space. During previous years, we had a study space for children to use while others were participating in individual counseling. This has been utilized as an office. Our library has been moved into the hall and Consultation room for Teaching Parents is now used by two case coordinators. The group counseling space also serves as the only area large enough for Treatment Teams to meet and there is frequently a conflict due to the limited time that children and families are available after school. The heating system frequently fails. Parking is limited.

The members of the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Hospitality House are purchasing a property large enough to combine all our needs in one building. This property is located across the Chena River from the Morris Thompson Cultural Center. The goal is to contribute to the beauty of the Fairbanks by creating a community space that blends into the overall downtown Fairbanks river frontage. Your support will begin the process.

Cost: PHH currently spends \$97,000.00 annually for office property. The estimate for the new building will cost a total of 6 million. This request for \$100,000.00 will cover site preparation, and initial design work to begin what will be a three year process.





Impact: An improved Center for Families and Children will enable us to better address the concerns all Alaskans have for our children. Most of the 110 youth we serve are labeled Severely Emotionally Disturbed, abandoned, homeless, physically and sexually abused and experience Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

The property is zoned for commercial use and a new building would add to the overall appeal of the riverfront area. In addition to the clinical and administrative staff this project will eventually provide jobs in the construction industry during the building phase.